

# Singapore's Foreign Policy Engagements with Key Partner Countries



Project Title	Singapore's Foreign Policy Engagements with Key Partner Countries
Project Summary	Research and track Singapore's external engagements and foreign policy developments with key partners in the region and globally.
Country	Singapore
Country/Region of Focus	Singapore

## Project Description

This Virtual Intern position will be responsible for creating a tracking document using publicly available resources to capture Singapore's external engagements, including high-level visits, national dialogues, joint statements, new initiatives, and other developments in Singapore's bilateral relationship with other countries. Countries of interest will vary, but will include the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), China, India, South Korea, Japan, Australia, Cuba and the United Kingdom among others. The information gathered in the tracker will be used in the Embassy's internal and external reporting. Strong analytical, written, and communications skills required; a self-motivator with the ability to manage multiple work streams and deadlines.

## Required Skills or Interests

### Skill(s)

Economic analysis

Political Analysis

Research

Writing

## Additional Information

In July 2017, Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan laid out the following five core principles of

Singapore's foreign policy: First, Singapore needs to be a successful and vibrant economy. Second, Singapore must not become a vassal state – it must be prepared to defend its territory, its assets and its way of life. Third, Singapore aims to be a friend to all, but an enemy of none. Fourth, Singapore must promote a global world order governed by the rule of law and international norms. Fifth, Singapore must be a credible and consistent partner. A link to the foreign minister's speech is here (<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/five-core-principles-of-singapores-foreign-policy>).

Furthermore, on May 7, 2018, Singapore President Halimah Yacob outlined five priorities for the Singaporean government for the remaining two-and-a-half years of Prime Minister Lee Hsein Loong's term. The priorities are: 1) securing a place in the world for Singapore; 2) building a world-class city; 3) developing a vibrant economy; 4) forging a caring and inclusive society; and 5) nurturing a distinct Singapore identity. A link to the president's speech is here (<http://www.istana.gov.sg/news/speeches/2018/address-president-halimah-yacob-second-session-the-thirteenth-parliament>).

## Language Requirements

*None*